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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Lee Bagan for being
4 honored with the "Lee Bagan Endowment Dinner" at the University
5 of Texas campus in Austin, Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Lee Bagan is a native of Highland Park; in spite
7 of a reading disability, he was the top student in the
8 University of Texas Middle Eastern studies undergraduate
9 program in 2005, earning his bachelor's degree in only 3 years;
10 he learned Arabic, Persian, Tajiki, and Hebrew as part of his
11 master's degree in Middle Eastern studies earned from the
12 University of Texas in 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, Lee Bagan currently serves as a Department of
14 Defense civil service specialist, providing intelligence on
15 the Iraqi human landscape to Navy SEALs and paratroopers of the
16 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division (the Advise and
17 Assist Brigade); he formerly served as the principal Middle
18 East and Central Asia subject-matter expert for Navy SEAL Teams
19 7 and 10 and for Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team 8 in
20 western Iraq; and

21 WHEREAS, The first "Lee Bagan Endowment Dinner" was held on
22 the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas, to recognize

1 the endowment's supporters and to attract further financial
2 support for a scholarship fund for gifted University of Texas
3 students struggling with learning disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Lee Bagan serves as a model of hard work,
5 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
6 Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate Lee Bagan for being honored with the "Lee Bagan
10 Endowment Dinner" and wish him continued success and happiness
11 in the future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Lee Bagan as a symbol of our esteem and respect.